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Applicants: Anderson et al.

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For: POLYPEPTIDES FOR INDUCING A  
PROTECTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE  
AGAINST *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS*

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Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 21, 2007:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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